

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN EDWARD BUTCHER**, on February 18, 2003
at 3 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Butcher, Chairman (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Bob DePratu (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-taped Committee: This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 345, 2/18/2003; SB 352,
2/18/2003,
Executive Action: SB 345, SB 352, SB 319

HEARING ON SB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, SD 36, Trout Creek, presented SB 345; to revise laws on over-length loads on trucks.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses and Testimony:

3:09pm Dave Galt, Director, MT. Dept. of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:10pm Begin

3:31pm End

21 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

3:31pm SEN. ELLIOTT closed the hearing on SB 345.

HEARING ON SB 352

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JOHN BOHLINGER, SD 7, Billings opened the hearing on SB 352; to require illuminated headlights while driving on Montana roadways.

Proponents' Testimony:

3:42pm Shawn Driscoll, Colonel, MT. Highway Patrol

3:43pm Beta Lovett, MT. Physician's and Medical Association

3:43pm Jani McCall, on behalf of Donald Harr, Billings

EXHIBIT (his36a01)

3:45pm Del Lonquist, representing AARP **EXHIBIT (his36a02)**

3:50pm M. Susan Good, representing Surgical Specialties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:52pm Begin

4:05pm End

13 minutes Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

4:05pm **SEN. BOHLINGER** closed the hearing on SB 352.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 345

4:10pm **Motion:** **SEN. DUANE GRIMES** moved **SB 345 DO PASS.**

Motion: **SEN. JERRY O'NEIL** moved a **CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT TO SB 345.**

Discussion:

4:11pm Begin

4:15pm End

4 minutes Elapsed time

Vote: Motion to adopt **SEN. O'NEIL'S** conceptual amendment **failed 10-1 with SEN. O'NEIL** voting in favor of the motion.

Vote: Motion that **SB 345 DO PASS** carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 352

Motion: **SEN. GRIMES** moved **SB 352 DO PASS.**

Motion: **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA** moved to amend the bill.

Discussion:

4:21pm Begin

4:23pm End

2 minutes Elapsed time

Motion: **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** withdrew her previous motion.

Motion: **SEN. GRIMES** withdrew his previous motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 359

4:25pm **Motion:** **SEN. GRIMES** moved **SB 359 DO PASS.**

4:26pm **Motion:** **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON** moved **AMENDMENT SB035901.apm**
EXHIBIT (his36a03)

Discussion:

4:27pm Begin

4:30pm End

4 minutes Elapsed time

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. O'NEIL moved TO SEGREGATE parts 1, 4 and 5 together and parts 2, 3 and 6 together. Substitute motion to segregate parts 1, 4 and 5 together carried unanimously.

Discussion:

4:35pm Begin

4:38 End

3 minutes Elapsed time

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. GRIMES moved to substitute "official" before highway and "highway" before construction in amendment 6 and to remove the word "road" in the title and substitute the words "official highway" in amendment 2. Substitute motion carried unanimously.

Motion: SEN. MIKE COONEY moved SB 359 DO PASS AS amended. SEN. SHERM ANDERSON said he opposed the bill.

Discussion:

4:43pm Begin

4:45pm End

2 minutes Elapsed time

4:46pm Motion/Vote: SEN. ROUSH moved to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE SB 359. Motion carried 8-4 with SENATORS HARRINGTON, COONEY, COCCHIARELLA and BUTCHER voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 319

4:47pm Motion/Vote: Motion to INDEFINITELY POSTPONE SB 319 carried 8 to 4 on a roll call vote with SENATORS HARRINGTON, COONEY, COCCHIARELLA and BUTCHER voting no on a roll call vote.

NOTE: SEN. KEN HANSEN, SD 46, Harlem, had previously withdrawn his bill, SB 319, from the hearing schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5 P.M.

SEN. EDWARD BUTCHER, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (his36aad)